

CALIFORNIA MAKES PROTEST AGAINST JAPANESE TREATY

State Senate Adopts Resolutions Asking For Withdrawal of Treaty

ALL PACIFIC COAST GREATLY EXCITED

Omission in New Treaty of Restricted Immigration Cause of Trouble

SACRAMENTO, Calif., Feb. 22.—A resolution was introduced today in the state senate calling upon President Taft to withdraw the Japanese treaty and appealing to the U. S. senate to refuse its assent and instructing the California delegation to oppose its ratification.

The resolution, which was presented by Senator Caminetti, says that the senate of the state of California relying in good faith upon assurances from official sources given to the people of the state during the last four years that the immigration to the United States of such laborers was precluded by a "mutual agreement" between our government and that of Japan, and that the latter nation was as anxious to retain as we were to exclude them, patriotic and patiently observe calmness pending negotiations for a new treaty.

"Whereas our people have been led to believe and hope that there would be no surrender of our rights in the premises; and

"Whereas, it further appears that even the protective features relating to immigration matters of the present treaty with Japan are omitted in the new draft;

"Therefore, be it resolved, that the senate of California earnestly urges the president of the United States to withdraw said treaty from further consideration by the senate of the United States and;

"Be it further resolved, that we appeal to the senate of the United States to withhold and refuse its assent to a compact fraught with much danger to our citizens, to our industrial development and to our civilization."

Chairman Wright of the federal relations committee of the senate to (Continued on Page Four)

COMMONS VOTE TO CURB POWERS OF HOUSE OF LORDS

Premier Asquith Given Great Ovation as His Veto Bill Goes Through

NATIONALISTS REND THE AIR WITH CHEERS

Unionists at Late Hour Discover There Is Virtue in Agreement

LONDON, Feb. 22.—Premier Asquith was the recipient of a tremendous ovation from his supporters in the house of commons tonight when the parliament bill, otherwise known as the veto bill, a measure designed to curtail the power of the lords was passed on its first reading by the government's full majority of 124, the vote being 351 to 227.

The nationalists first rose in their places, cheering wildly and waving their hats. The liberal members emulated their example. This exhibition of enthusiasm was repeated a few minutes later as the prime minister quietly intimated the scene of his victory in his initial action against the lords.

The debate today maintained a good oratorical level, but presented few points. The dominant note of the unionists' speeches was an invitation to the government to settle the matter by agreement. Frederick E. Smith, in a slashing attack, accused the government of outraging the convictions of half their fellow countrymen on a matter that could never be settled except by consent.

The British people, he said, would support the opposition in any resistance, however desperate, they might offer to the bill. The Right Hon. Geo. Wyndham also urged the government to accept the invitation to settle the question by agreement, otherwise, he declared, sooner or later the opposition would repeal the bill.

To these persuasions Winston Spencer Churchill, the home secretary, concluding the debate for the government, replied that the ministers would not have fifty supporters left if they agreed to enter such a conference now. He contended as compared with the referendum the government's moderate proposals were the veriest toyism and no step would be neglected to carry the bill swiftly into law.

STATE WILL HELP IN MOVEMENT FOR BETTER HIGHWAYS

State Aid For Good Roads Will be Under Direction of Commission

REVENUE BILL ALMOST COMPLETED IN HOUSE

Many New Local Measures Continue to be Introduced in Both Branches

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 22.—The senate consumed over two hours today debating the Sikes-Boyd state highway commission bill and it was re-referred to the committee on public roads after two amendments had been adopted, one providing that the state shall buy no county bonds until their validity is approved by the attorney general and other striking out all provisions in the bill calling for a bond issue.

The senate concurred in the house amendment to the bill creating Avery county naming it in honor of the memory of Col. Waightstill Avery and the bill was ordered enrolled for ratification.

The special order for the Torrens land title system bill was postponed indefinitely on account of the illness of Senator Cotten.

More Bills Introduced. Many new bills were introduced today, one by Senator Hobgood to incorporate the Greensboro, Roxboro and Norfolk railroad, one by Senator Bellamy to establish a free ferry across the Cape Fear at Wilmington, one by Senator Brown to protect the state's interests in turnpikes, railroads and other enterprises.

The bill creating Avery county passed final reading in the house today 89 to 9 and was enrolled for ratification. This is the one hundredth county for North Carolina and is made up of portions of Mitchell, Watauga, and McDowell counties.

The senate bill for five hundred thousand dollars bonds for fire proof state administration building was made a special order for Friday noon this being the million dollar bill which the senate cut in half. Revenue Bill Considered. In committee of the whole the house passed upon sixty two sections of the revenue bill. Important changes being increase of tax on automobile dealers from \$25 to \$50, including fortune tellers and clairvoyants in \$200 tax and adjusting bottling (Continued on Page Four)

"He Won't be Happy Till he Gets it."



LORIMER SPEAKS IN SELF DEFENSE DISCLAIMING KNOWLEDGE OF BRIBERY

Before Senate Accused Senator From Illinois Recites Story of Early Struggles, Declares That he is Not Guilty as Charged, Saying he Only Received Democratic Support Through Friendship.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—William Lorimer of Illinois, today in person made his defense against the charge that his election to the senate of the United States was accomplished by the bribery and corruption of the legislature of the state of Illinois. His defense was a general emphatic denial, delivered with more than ordinary eloquence and fervor.

There was no vote today. Immediately upon the conclusion of Lorimer's speech, the senate went into executive session on the Japanese treaty and the answer to the Lorimer speech, which Senator Beveridge was prepared to make, went over until tomorrow. Nobody knows when a vote will be reached.

With almost every senator in his seat and in the presence of a great crowd of members of the house of representatives on the senate floor and of spectators in the densely packed galleries, he made a speech of four hours duration, and even his bitterest opponents admitted that it was a very able, well sustained and dramatic utterance.

Some of those who heard the speech and who have been in and about the senate for many years said that there never had been anything just like it. "Human Interest Story." Mr. Lorimer's speech was distinctly a "human interest story" more than once there were evidences that

the speech was moving some of his hearers to tears. What effect, if any, the speech will have upon the vote in the senate, it is of course, impossible to say. The general impression about the capital tonight is that Mr. Lorimer and his friends have, safely pledged, the votes with which to defeat the resolution which would declare his seat vacant, and that if the matter comes to a vote the result will be a Lorimer victory.

It is not impossible that Lorimer's opponents may be able to prevent the matter coming to a vote at all before adjournment. It was said today that this was in fact the plan which the anti-Lorimer people would try to carry out.

During the more than four hours that Mr. Lorimer occupied the floor he reviewed practically all the charges which have been made against himself.

Many Democrats Mentioned. The names of many democrats were mentioned as among those who had voted for him because of personal friendship. Among these was Senator Broderick, who, Mr. Lorimer said, had been a friend for many years, even when "newspaper assassins of character" were then as since trying to destroy me. "I never got one vote under false pretenses. No democrat was deceived into the belief that I would co-operate with

the democrats in congress. So it was not through deception that any of them were led to vote for me," Mr. Lorimer declared.

Most dramatic was Senator Lorimer's recital of his first acquaintance with "Hinky Dink" McKenna, who when Lorimer was a bootblack and newsboy, compelled at the age of ten to earn his living on the streets, came to his rescue and save him from the loss of a bundle of Chicago Tribunes. It meant a loss of \$1.50 to him, the speaker said, and "that dollar and a half meant more to me, Senator Root, than a million dollars would mean to some men now. I don't know whether the senator from New York (Mr. Root) or the senator from South Dakota (Mr. Crawford) know what it means to come up through circumstances like that." Senator Crawford rose to his feet. The interest was intense; every person in the galleries leaned forward, many rose.

Appealing for Sympathy? "Mr. President, does the senator imagine himself the only senator who came up through hardship; is he appealing for sympathy on that score?"

"I want no sympathy," shouted Senator Lorimer. A great sigh passed over the senate chamber. "This is not a question of sympathy; it is (Continued on Page Three)

APPROPRIATIONS PASSED BY HOUSE PROVIDE MANY HUNDREDS OF MILLIONS

Lower Branch is Rapidly Completing All Business

IS PUSHING WORK

WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—The house of representatives is rapidly clearing its calendar so that no responsibility for what now appears to be an inevitable extra session can be charged to the lower branch of congress. Today three big appropriation bills, carrying in the aggregate \$135,000,000, were passed. Of these the naval act carried \$125,400,000, the fortifications bill \$5,300,000 and the diplomatic and consular bill about \$4,100,000.

The house has only three more truly bills to pass, the sundry civil bill, the general deficiency and the military academy.

The latter probably will not occupy more than a few hours. So the chances are that the house will be marking time when March 4 arrives. The naval bill, having been approved in committee of the whole last night, was quickly disposed of today. A motion to recommit and cut down the building program from two battalions to one was lost.

FOR COAST DEFENSE

The fortifications bill provides for the coast defenses of the United States and does not include the item for the fortification of the Panama canal which would be reported with other canal appropriations in the sundry civil bill.

The diplomatic and consular bill occasioned some discussion and Representative Harrison of New York succeeded in striking out a number of its provisions on points of order.

Subscription of \$2,000 to the international prison commission; participation in the international railway conference; participation in the international seismographic association; contribution of \$2,500 to the bureau of inter-parliamentary union for the promotion of international arbitration, and participation in the adjourned meeting at the Hague of the international conference to promote uniform legislation concerning letters of exchange.

DEMOCRATS UNDECIDED ON REAPPORTIONMENT OF CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

Caucus Last Night Referred Matter Back to Committees

EIGHTH WANTS HELP

RALEIGH, N. C., Feb. 22.—The democratic members of the general assembly held a caucus tonight in response to a resolution of the democratic members of the joint committees on congressional apportionment to devise a plan that will insure all districts being democratic, but just how much progress was made is problematical, judging from the fact that this decision lasting over an hour resulted in the question again being left with the democratic members of these committees to map out a plan as easily as possible, and to report to a caucus to be held subject to call.

It may be truthfully stated that harmony prevailed in the caucus, and that in all the views expressed there seemed to be a desire to help any weak democratic district, but all such expressions were modified by the statement that they wanted to leave their own districts undisturbed.

It was pointed out that the eighth was really the only district needing more democratic strength and Representative Turlington insisted that the best way to provide this strength was to transfer Union county from the seventh to the eighth and Alexander from the eighth to the ninth.

This was opposed by Senator Lemon, of Union, who declared that such a move would jeopardize both these votes, and the eighth from a democratic viewpoint.

Numbers of resolutions and amendments were offered during the caucus, but none of them appeared to contain the relief that the eighth is demanding, there being a string tied to each offer.

HOLIDAY IN TEXAS.

DALLAS, Texas, Feb. 22.—Washington's birthday was observed generally as a holiday throughout Texas. Public schools suspended for the day and the Texas senate was not in session. Governor Colquitt recently issued a proclamation urging general planting of trees and many places had arbor day programs.

MILITANT SUFFRAGETTES STORM COMMITTEE ROOM OF NEW YORK ASSEMBLY

Mere Man Essentially Minor Factors at Committee Hearing

WOMEN IN EARNEST

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 22.—Mere man was essentially a minor factor in the assembly chamber today when the joint judiciary committees of the senate and assembly gave a hearing on the woman suffrage bills.

Aside from the committee members only a few men were able to procure seats. Even the chairs usually occupied by newspaper men were appropriated by suffragists and anti. For three hours the battle waged and at its conclusion Chairman Hayne announced that the measures would be taken in executive session by the committees next Tuesday. Both sides put forth their best speakers.

The anti-suffragists who spoke included Miss Margaret Doane Gardner of Albany, who declared that there is nothing dignified about a "suffragist." Miss Margaret Cummings of New York, a school teacher, although one of the "poor down trodden women" the suffragists speak about, said she never felt the need of a vote.

Mrs. W. W. Penfield, representing the Woman Suffrage party, bluntly told the committee that it was proposed to carry on the suffragist campaign in this country as it has been carried on in England if it becomes necessary although Mrs. Penfield was not sure that her American sisters would be so militant. Mrs. Mary Reynolds, talked in a breezy, western style, declaring that women if enfranchised would not desert their homes, husbands and children by "chasing around after a vote."

Rev. Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, president of the National Association of Woman Suffragists, summed up her side in a witty speech in which she said that the government has taxed the clothes of the woman in the east in order to pay for irrigation in the west and that if woman had the right to vote, this would not be the case.

HUNDREDS PAY TRIBUTE AT TOMB OF WASHINGTON

Resting Place of First President Appropriately Decorated on Natal Day

MT. VERNON, Va., Feb. 22.—Upon the plain marble sarcophagus containing the body of George Washington on the hillside estate where the great American spent the final years of his life, two beautiful memorial wreaths were placed today by patriotic admirers to commemorate the 179th anniversary of his birth. The flag for which he so violently fought artistically draped above the open work iron doors, and flowers and evergreens formed the only other decorations on the tomb. These were placed there by the Mount Vernon Ladies Mission of the Union to which the country is indebted for the preservation of the "Washington estate on the Potomac and for the gathering together therein of hundreds of priceless relics.

Nine hundred patriotic Americans during the day visited and stood in silent reverence before the tomb, among these were several hundred prominent masons from all parts of the country. Further down the Potomac river at Wakefield, Westmoreland county, Virginia, near where Washington was born, citizens of the vicinity appropriately celebrated the day.

RAILROAD INTERESTS THREATEN CANAL

NEW ORLEANS, Feb. 22.—Protesting that the Pacific Mail Steamship line, said to be owned by the Southern Pacific railroad, is trying to drive the California-Atlantic steamship company out of business and thereby kill trans-continental competition, the New Orleans progressive union tonight sent a message to President Taft calling his attention toward maintaining competition.

The elimination of this independent concern under these circumstances, says the telegram "would practically forecast the control of that national highway (the Panama canal) by railroad interests."

MAY PLAY BALL ON SUNDAY.

ALBANY, N. Y., Feb. 22.—The McGrath bill permitting the playing of baseball on Sunday providing no admission fee is charged was reported favorably by the assembly cities committee today.

FAMOUS GREEN AND GAYNOR CASE IS AT LAST FINISHED

Last Order In Noted Case Is Nol Pros in Case Against Secretary

SAVANNAH, Ga., Feb. 22.—In the United States District court here today "final" was written after the famous Green and Gaynor conspiracy case which had been in the courts since 1899. It was closed by Marion Erwin, United States attorney, when he asked that the indictment against M. A. Connelly, Oberlin M. Carter's secretary, and indicted jointly with him and Green and Gaynor, be nolle prossed. Judge Emory Spencer consented to this and a statement of the case was ordered placed on the minutes of the court. The statement says in part:

"Although Connelly, then a comparatively young man, was induced by Carter to perform and did perform, under the dominating influence of his superior, many illegal and improper things, it does not appear that he in any way profited because of his acts."

PROMINENT MAN ARRESTED FOR COMMITTING MURDER

For Which Negroes Were Suspected and Held in Jail in South Carolina

HAMPTON, S. C., Feb. 22.—Something of a sensation developed yesterday when the grand jury returned a true bill charging L. B. Tuten with the murder of J. R. Langford, who was killed near Brunson, this county, November 29.

Langford was of considerable prominence in the community where they lived. Langford having been an extensive farmer and lumberman and Tuten is a farmer of some means and a turpentine operator on a large scale.

Announcement was made this afternoon that the case would be called for trial when court opens tomorrow morning. Mary Harris and a negro by the name of Richard Williams, who have been confined in the state penitentiary in Columbia for safe keeping, in connection with the killing, were brought out this morning and are now in Hampton county jail. The true bill against Tuten was a sensational surprise. Immediately after having been returned by the grand jury, it was turned over to United States Deputy Marshal Thompson, of Washington, D. C., who is here and arrested Tuten at a local hotel immediately.

THREE ARRESTED CONFESS TO HOLDING UP TRAIN AND DYNAMITING EXPRESS CAR

Large Sums in Money and Jewelry Found on Their Persons

IDENTITY UNKNOWN

GAINESVILLE, Ga., Feb. 22.—Three men have been arrested and more than \$1,000 in money and jewelry has been recovered as a result of a three days' search for the gang of audits who held up and robbed the Southern Railway's fast mail train at White Sulphur springs last Saturday morning. It is the belief of the officers of the express and railway companies that the entire gang has been rounded up, but the identity of the suspects is unknown.

Following the capture of one of the robbers about four miles from Dalhousie early yesterday, two other members of the gang were arrested this morning by a posse headed by ex-Sheriff Edwards of Lenoir county. The men were surprised on a public road about 1 mile from Dalhousie and offered no resistance. They were placed in jail at Dalhousie tonight and will be brought to Gainesville tomorrow.

Nearly a thousand dollars in cash and jewelry valued at between \$500 and \$600 was found on the two robbers. They refused to give any names, but their talk indicated that they were westerners. While they kept their own identity secret, they stated that the man arrested earlier near Dalhousie was one of the ring-leaders of the gang and was known as John D. Anderson.

He is said to be an old hand at the game. When handcuffed the robbers broke down and admitted their participation in the express car hold up. They refused, however, to give any details further than to implicate the man who was arrested near Dalhousie.

MEXICO JOINS IN.

LAREDO, Texas, Feb. 22.—Nuevo Laredo, Mexico, appropriated an American national holiday today and joined with this city in the celebration of George Washington's birthday. Bull fights in the city across the river, an attack on the city hall here by a band of make-believe Indians and a pageant, including floats, cowboys and soldiers, interested 40,000 visitors in the two cities.

PRINCETON DEFEATS YALE.

PRINCETON, N. J., Feb. 22.—In a close and exciting basketball game here tonight Princeton defeated Yale by the score of 36 to 32.